# Haines Borough Borough Assembly Meeting #58 November 9, 2004 Approved MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Deputy Mayor LAPP called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Public Safety Building and led the pledge to the flag.
- 1. ROLL CALL Present: Assembly Members, Norm SMITH, Jerry LAPP, Scott ROSSMAN, and Stephanie SCOTT. Absent: Herb VANCLEVE and Debra SCHNABEL (AML Conference) and Mayor CASE (medical).

**Staff Present:** Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Scott **BRADFORD**/Water-Sewer Plant Operator, and Cynthia **JONES**/Museum Director.

Visitors Present: Bonnie HEDRICK/CVN, Scott SUNDBERG, Don TURNER, John FLORESKE, Nancy BERLAND, Carolyn WEISHAHN and others.

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA:

M/S SCOTT/LAPP Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

SCOTT requested removal of Item 10A - RFP-Professional Engineering Services-new sewage treatment plant the RFP for Sewage Treatment System. LAPP asked for two changes to the Mayors Report: 1)removal of the SUD portion and 2)addition of Contaminated Lands. There was no objection to the changes.

The motion to approve the amended consent agenda carried unanimously.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

\*October 26, 2004 Regular

# 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BERLAND asked the assembly to endorse the "Better Ferries for Alaska" letter. It outlines concerns for the future of the ferry system includes a list of critical capital improvement projects for the Alaska Marine Highway System. The Alaska delegation has been asked to work to secure funding for the projects. She noted that many other local Southeast governments, organizations, and individuals have already endorsed it, including the Haines Chamber of Commerce and the Haines Borough School District.

#### 6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

Committees, boards and commissions and appointments thereto

The Clerk distributed information regarding the appointments the Mayor would like to make and said he would like the Assembly to confirm the following:

- a. Planning Commission
  - Appoint Bob Cameron to fulfill Herb VanCleve's term

- ° Reappoint Harriet Brouillette and Rob Goldberg
- b. Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board
  - ° Appoint Darsie Culbeck and Tom Crandall
  - ° Reappoint Herb VanCleve
- c. Mud Bay Fire Service Area Board
  - ° Appoint Ben Kirkpatrick
- d. Historic Dalton Trail Road Maintenance Service Area Board
  - ° Appoint Floy McDowell
  - ° Reappoint John Schnabel, Dave Ward, and Ken Waldo

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m M/S}$  **SCOTT/SMITH** Motion to confirm the appointments as requested by the Mayor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Contaminated Lands - Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline Corridor (added by LAPP during approval of the consent agenda)

LAPP directed COZZI to refer this issue to Scott Hansen. The Army Corps of Engineers is currently soliciting input regarding sites to test. There is a section of borough-owned land in the Skyline Estates area that needs to be cleaned up, because it was deemed unsellable because of the contamination.

#### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

## A. Ordinance 04-10-085 - (second hearing)

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough code section 18.20.020 to clarify the definitions for mobile home and modular home.

Deputy Mayor **LAPP** opened and closed the public hearing at 6:40 pm; there was no public comment.

M/S **SCOTT/SMITH** Motion to adopt Ordinance 04-10-085.

**SCOTT** said she spoke with a couple of planning commissioners, and they did not have a problem with the assembly's definition of *mobile home* as long as it continues to include "integral chassis."

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### B. Ordinance 04-10-086 - (first hearing)

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough code section 7.08.080 to allow a board of directors to be appointed for the Chilkat State Park Road Maintenance Service Area.

The deputy mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 6:51 pm; there were no comments.

SCOTT explained the Government Services Committee met to discuss the ordinance with residents of the area. The committee recommends not amending the borough code at this time since there are so few residents in that area and the assembly can function as the service area board.

The ordinance died for lack of a motion to move it to a second public hearing.

# C. Ordinance 04-10-087 - (first hearing)

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough code section 2.68.070, Scheduling of special elections, to match the Charter requirements for scheduling a special election for a charter amendment question.

The deputy mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 6:46 pm.; there were no comments.

M/S **SMITH/SCOTT** Motion to move ordinance 04-10-087 to its second public hearing on 11/23/04.

The main motion carried unanimously.

#### D. Ordinance 04-10-088 - (first hearing)

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough code section 2.08.060, Meetings of the Assembly, to change the regular meeting days to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The deputy mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 6:47 pm; there were no comments.

M/S **SMITH/LAPP** Motion to move ordinance 04-09-085 to its second public hearing on 11/23/04.

The motion carried unanimously.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Acting Manager the written report covered the following
  subjects:
  - Public Works achievements
  - Natural Gas Pipeline
  - Assessor
  - Personnel Changes
  - Snow Plowing

ROSSMAN said he heard some concerns in the community regarding the progress of the small boat harbor expansion project, and he would like the acting manager to give a status report at the next assembly meeting. The deputy mayor so noted it, and COZZI will inform the acting manager of the request.

#### 9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

- A. Commerce Committee None
- B. Finance & Budget Written Report
- C. Personnel & Labor Relations None
- D. Government Services Written Report
- E. Government Affairs None
- F. Planning Commission None

#### 10.OLD BUSINESS:

## A. Support for Better Ferries

SMITH echoed Nancy BERLAND's comments. He would like the assembly to join in the effort to get the Governor to specifically address the issues of concern and to sign onto the growing list of communities and organizations and citizens that are in support of a better ferry system. SCOTT said the list concludes Hoonah City Schools, the Mayor of Gustavus, the Mayor of Tenakee, the Mayor of Metlakatla, the Mayor of Angoon, Rep. John Harris, the Haines Chamber of Commerce, the Haines School District, and many others. She said it is a more specific letter than the one recently sent by the mayor, and it includes a list of priorities for federal funding.

M/S **SMITH**/**SCOTT** Motion to endorse the Better Ferries letter as the Haines Borough Assembly.

The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

## 11.STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. Resolutions

# 1. Resolution 04-11-051

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing and designating certain persons to sign and endorse checks pertaining to certain bank accounts.

M/S **SCOTT/LAPP** Motion to adopt resolution 04-11-051.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### B. Ordinances for Introduction - None

#### C. Other New Business

# 1. Borough Land Sales

SMITH said he would like to see a land sale occur this spring. He gave the following land example: 110 prime acres on Mt. Riley Road. ROSSMAN agreed with getting the land on the tax rolls rather than having it just sit there, but he expressed concern with the Borough over saturating the market; there is already a lot of private property for sale in that area. SCOTT said a quick sale is probably not the

best way to look at it. The Comprehensive Plan was revised to suggest that the Borough hold onto the lands as an investment. "As tourism develops in the Lynn Canal, our lands are going to become more valuable." She suggested a sales analysis and consideration to what land might be needed for municipal purposes. She also suggested moving it to the planning commission and ask them to review it and make a recommendation to the assembly. **LAPP** said the borough currently has some scattered and some repossessed lots that could be sold. But selling undeveloped areas would require putting in electrical, sewer, etc. similar to Skyline. said getting a picture from staff of what is for sale would be helpful. The chair recognized TURNER, and he asked if the government still puts a portion of any land sales proceeds into the permanent fund. LAPP said "yes."

M/S **SMITH/LAPP** Motion to request the Planning Commission to address the issue of Borough Land Sales.

SMITH said the intention of the motion is to find lands that may be classified for sale. SCOTT said the manager should follow it up with an economic analysis. LAPP said the manager should look at feasible small land sales that could happen quickly and easily and the economic benefit; he should start with the small land sales.

The motion carried unanimously.

# 2. Travel Compensation for Board and Commission Members

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m M/S}$  **SCOTT/ROSSMAN** Motion to reimburse members of boards and commissions at the standard employee mileage rate when traveling more than ten miles one-way to attend a regular meeting of their board or commission.

ROSSMAN said if a person wants to be on a board or commission, they should consider the costs of getting involved including travel costs. SCOTT explained that it is a small compensation and could act as an incentive to get more people outside the townsite involved. LAPP said he believes it should be just the Planning Commission. COZZI explained the mayor wants it to apply to all board and commission members if travel is more than ten miles one-way. SMITH called for the question, and there was no objection.

The motion failed 3-1 in a roll call vote with ROSSMAN opposed.

## 3. Motion of Support for Natural Gas Pipeline Resolutions

M/S **SMITH/LAPP** Motion to send a letter of support for the natural gas pipeline resolutions.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### 4. Haines Coastal Management Plan (HCMP) Amendment BIDS

M/S **SMITH/ROSSMAN** Motion to send the three proposals to the Planning Commission for review prior to awarding the contract at the next assembly meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### 13. SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

A Finance & Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11/15/04 at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

## 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

ROSSMAN said he has had some members of the public ask about changing the public comment period from the beginning of meetings to the end. SMITH said the agendas are printed and posted ahead of time. Having public comments early in the meetings is a procedure that is commonly followed and the meeting chair has the discretion to ask for public input any time during the meeting. SCOTT said she has told people to bring things up in the opening public comment period so that later in assembly discussion, members of the public may be called upon for further clarification. TURNER took exception to that, saying that he and others have been put off and told that they may not speak because the public comment time is LAPP said he would pass the comment along to the mayor. SCOTT explained to TURNER that the assembly has been trying to do more work in committee. Those meetings are a good opportunity for interaction between public and assembly. encouraged the audience to attend those meetings and even to request certain issues to be discussed.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT -** 7:38 pm

Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:	Jerry Lapp, Deputy Mayor